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## MISSION STATEMENT

**“As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the Mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system.”**

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)

**Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting  
6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120  
Thursday, March 13, 2014**

## Minutes

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### IN ATTENDANCE

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#### Members

Broyles, R.N., Linda – County Paramedic Agency  
Marugg, James – SD County Paramedic Association  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2  
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association  
Rice, Mike – S.D. County Ambulance Association  
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

#### Agency Representatives

Austin, David – AMR/CSA17  
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Air Methods  
Hums, Jason – Southwestern Community College  
Mercer, Kevin – AMR  
Osborn, Steve – Rural/Metro  
Pierce, R.N., Jodie – S.D. Fire Department  
Rod, Rick – SD City EMS Rural/Metro  
Russo, R.N., Joe – AMR

#### County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane  
Conte, R.N., Meredith  
Smith, R.N., Susan

#### Recorder

Wolchko, Janet

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Linda Broyles, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

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## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**A motion was made by Jim Marugg, seconded by Christine Wells to approve the minutes from November 14, 2013. Motion carried.**

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## **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

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There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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## **IV. ELECTION OF EMCC PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2014.**

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**A motion was made by Linda Broyles, seconded by Christine Wells to nominate Mary Meadow-Pitt for EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chairperson. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Mike Rice, seconded by Christine Wells to nominate Jim Marugg for EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Vice-Chair. Motion carried.**

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## **V. OFF-LOAD ISSUES**

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Christine Wells reviewed a years worth of Scripps La Jolla off load data. Reports reflect transfers greater than 20 minutes. In reviewing the reports and patient records, 95% of off-load transfers are less than 20 minutes, 3% are between 20-30 minutes.

Process changes have been made to reduce off-load numbers. Those numbers will be reviewed to see if time of day is a factor and to see if staff changes would address the issue.

Discussion topics included:

- Agency view/email off-load alerts (CAD).
- Volume of calls.
- Off-load completion time to time the unit is back in service.
- Satellite off-load delays.
- Involve hospital administration regarding throughput issues.

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## **VI. POLICIES FOR REVIEW – Meredith Conte**

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### P-403, Physician on Scene

P-403 will ultimately go to Base Station Physicians Committee (BSPC) for approval. It is brought forward to EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee for comment and suggestions.

Language:

- IV.C.3. The Paramedic may assist the Physician-on-Scene with EMT Basic level skills . . . (complete statement with) or paramedic with ALS skills with Base Hospital Physician order.
- IV.E. Correct spelling of practitioners and add language that ENA uses for mid-level practitioners.

Discussion topics included:

- Physician on scene direction
- Base hospital physician direction
- Standing orders
- Out-of-scope orders
- Documentation of physician on scene (name and license number)
- P-403 attachment and when to use it

Changes made/discussed will be brought back to the subcommittee for review.

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## **VII. STAFF REPORT – Susan Smith**

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- A.** BSPC and PAC March meetings have been cancelled.
- B.** Flu season is almost over.
- C.** Core measure submissions are due.
- D.** The Protocol task force for 2015 protocol review will start in August. This year will be minor corrections, no major changes. Next year there will be a full review. The decreased use of backboards will be discussed in the 2015 review.
- E.** Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) Coordinators
  1. Research on compressions in the LVAD patient show no damage. The American Heart Association (AHA) and LVAD manufacturers do not confirm compressions should be done, but our County EMS protocols instruct to contact the base for the LVAD Coordinator.
  2. Base station LVAD Coordinators have an algorithm to refer to in case of LVAD mechanical failure.
  3. LEMSAs standard is not to use compressions until confirmation is given by the LVAD Coordinator.
- F.** The move to NEMSIS 3.0 for medical electronic records is January 1, 2015.
- G.** *Sidewalk CPR Day* event is scheduled for June 5, 2014.
- H.** *Strike out Stroke Day* at the Padres event is scheduled for May 10, 2014.
- I.** The 9-1-1 Conference at the La Mesa Community Center is on April 25, 2014 at 8:00 am.

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## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

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Meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on April 10, 2014.

Submitted by

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